

Appl. No. 10/681,541  
Amtdt. dated February 8, 2006  
Reply to Office action of January 10, 2006

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 10, 2006. The Examiner requires an election between Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to a process for transforming a part of a target semiconductor substrate to be a non-semiconductor material, classified in class 438, subclass 758+ or Group II, Claims 10-35, drawn to an apparatus classified in class 250, subclass 493+.

Applicant hereby elects Group II, Apparatus Claims 10-35. This election is made without traverse.

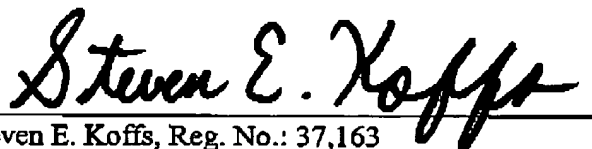
Claim 1 is amended to be dependent on claim 10. Upon allowance of claim 10, Applicant respectfully requests that the method claims 1-9 be rejoined and allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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